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Thoracic Trauma

Name: _____

1. Indicate the 4 topographical thoracic reference lines.
2. What internal injuries are associated with sternal fracture/dislocation?
3. What is the most effective method to improve tidal volume in a patient with a flail chest?
4. What is the most common etiology for pericardial tamponade?
5. Define the following:

Annulus

Aortic hiatus

Ligamentum arteriosum
6. Why are analgesics important in the treatment of rib fractures?